# Trailheads, Access and Parking

The Master Plan will identify designated points for people to access the trail. We want to provide enough so that people won't try to access the trail through private driveways. Is trail access appropriate in this section of the trail right-of-way? If so, what and where are the appropriate access locations?

- No appropriate access from Lake Sammamish Place SE to rail bed
- Possible access where rail bed intersects with E. Lake Sammamish Parkway at the northern section of the trail—this assumes trail runs along Lake Sammamish Place SE, not rail bed

What kind of amenities should be located at access points? Should the amenities be different when access is provided from off-street parking?

None noted

The Master Plan will identify a combination of on-street and off-street parking along the length of the trail. What route do you anticipate local residents will take to access the trail? What parking options do you think would work best in this section of the trail right-of-way?

- No appropriate parking options along this section of trail
- Perhaps parking at Lake Sammamish State Park and King County Marymoor Park could be expanded?

#### Trail Crossings, Amenities and Uses

Where the trail crosses a street or driveway, there is a potential conflict between those who are on the trail and those who are on the street or driveway. What trail crossings are potentially unsafe for residents in this section? What can be done to improve safety at trail crossing locations?

- Concerns about safety at trail crossings—very hazardous where trail right-of-way bisects private driveways
- Concerns about noise and privacy at trail crossings
- There are fewer safe crossing options on the east side of the Place
- Motorists must be more aware of trail users

The number of property owners using a vehicle crossing, the stacking room available between the trail and the roadway, vehicle and user speed (depends on distance available to build speed), and sight distance are all considerations used in determining who should have the right-of-way. Given these considerations, who do you think should have the right-of-way at each of the roadway crossings in this section of the trail?

Trail users should have right-of-way

The Master Plan will provide for amenities such as restrooms, benches, public open space, interpretative signs and litter receptacles at certain locations along the length of the trail. Are there other amenities that should be considered? Which make sense in this section of the trail, and where should they be located?

- Trash cans, dog poop bags and signs (type of sign not noted) are OK if they're maintained
- Tasteful lighting along trail needed but it shouldn't adversely impact home owners
- Don't want rest areas in this section of trail—there are concerns about trail users loitering

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Are you aware of any lore, legends or local history about your neighborhood that would be interesting and appropriate to note along the trail?

None noted

What special considerations should be given to locating amenities along this section of the trail?

None noted

A significant element of the Master Plan is planning for different types of users. Different uses require different trail standards, as summarized below:

- 1) Pedestrians
- 2) Non-motorized wheeled activities
- 3) Equestrians
- 4) All uses require a trail safely separated from existing vehicle routes

Which of these uses, given their spatial requirements and existing adjacent land uses, seem feasible in this section of the trail?

- No horses
- High speed trail users discouraged

### **Separating Public and Private Uses**

Different edge treatments can be used to separate trail uses from private uses. Fencing, vegetation, and signage are techniques we have identified to date. Can you think of others?

- Security fencing required on both sides of trail—must include gates for home owners
- Plants/vegetation OK
- Participants are concerned about their access to the water front—privacy issues, trail crossing safety, etc.

To determine what type of delineation is appropriate, consideration should be given to the following:

- 1) Security and privacy for the adjacent property owners
- 2) Safety and aesthetics for trail users
- 3) Protecting natural resources and wildlife corridors

At this time, what kind of edge treatments do you think are appropriate for this section of the trail? Where should the edge treatment be located in relation to the proposed trail?

This section of trail is a popular gathering spot for eagles—edge treatment shouldn't interfere

### **Trail Alignments**

Under what conditions should the trail be routed off the rail bed?

Existing trail alignment raises concerns about security, safety, noise, home owner privacy

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Are there places in this section of the trail where these conditions exist? After reviewing the enclosed Class1 Trail Standards, can you think of a potentially feasible off rail bed trail alignment in this section that you believe could meet Class I trail standards and mitigate the conditions you identified? Please explain.

None noted

## **General Comments**

- Liability is a big concern
- Interim trail not acceptable—it's illegal without a master plan or City Council approval

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